

# **Christ Church Cathedral Parish Registers**

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## **Organizational Note:**

In June of 1837 Indianapolis Episcopalians decided to purchase a lot on Monument Circle to build a church. On July 13 of that year, thirty people organized the Parish Church of Christ. The congregation held several fund raising drives to acquire the money to build the first Gothic style church that was completed in November 1838. In 1856 it was decided that a new church should be built. A church appointed committee chose architect William Tinsley to design the new building. The new church held its first service on May 22, 1859. This is the building that is seen on Monument Circle today.

Since its founding Christ Church has conducted an active community ministry. It was the mother church for several missions and congregations including St. Luke's in 1863 and St. Phillip's in 1888. Under the leadership of Paul Moore, Jr., in the 1960s the church received recognition for its urban ministry programs. In 1993 Christ Church claimed 750 members and it continues to serve as cathedral for the diocese, parish to its members, and as a church to downtown Indianapolis.

Source: Bodenhammer, David J. and Robert G. Barrows, eds. *The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana UP, 1994.

## **Scope and Content Note:**

The collection consists of one volume of transcriptions of the original registers dated 1837-1922, as well as photocopies of the registers. The photocopies are foldered and are organized in the same fashion as the bound transcriptions. The registers included are baptisms, confirmed, marriages, and burials.

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- Christ Church Cathedral Parish Registers, 1837-1922.
- 1. Brief History, 1837-1849.
- 2. Baptisms, 1837-1850.
- 3. Confirmations, 1837-1850.
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